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Sir:

The references cited on attached form are being called to the attention of the Examiner. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(d), copies of the references on the attached form filed 05/21/03 can be found in US Application No. **09/823,712**, filed 03/30/01 (Attorney Docket No. 001803-326-999). This application is a continuation of US Application No. **09/823,712**. It is respectfully requested that the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

As provided for by 37 CFR 1.97(g) and (h), no inference should be made that the information and references cited are prior art merely because they are in this statement and

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Enclosures:

- 1) Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate)
- 2) List of References Cited by Applicant
- 3) Copies of References A01-A16 (1 binder)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, there is hereby provided certain information which the Examiner may consider material to the examination of the subject U.S. patent application. It is requested that the Examiner make this information of record if it is deemed material to the examination of the application.

1. Enclosures accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement are:
 - 1a. A list of all patents, publications, applications, or other information submitted for consideration by the office.
 - 1b. A legible copy of:
 - Each U.S. patent application publication and U.S. and foreign patent;
 - Each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed on the PTO-1449;
 - For each cited pending U.S. application, the application specification including the claims, and any drawing of the application, or portion of the application which caused it to be listed on the PTO-1449 including any claims directed to that portion;
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 - 1c. An English language copy of search report(s) from a counterpart foreign application or PCT International Search Report.
 - 1d. Explanations of relevancy (ATTACHMENT 1(d), hereto) or English language abstracts of the non-English language publications.
2. This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b):
 - Within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under §1.53(d);

- Within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in §1.491 in an international application;
- Before the mailing of the first Office action on the merits;
- Before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under §1.114.

3. This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) after the period specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), but before the mailing date of any of a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113, a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311 or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.

(Check either Item 3a or 3b)

3a. The Certification Statement in Item 5 below is applicable. Accordingly, no fee is required.

3b. The \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) is:
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4. This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d) after the period specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), but on or before the date of payment of the issue fee.

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The Certification Statement in Item 5 below is applicable.

5. Certification Statement (applicable if Item 3a or Item 4 is checked)

(Check either Item 5a or 5b)

5a. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1), it is certified that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

5b. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(2), it is certified that no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, was known by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

6. This application is a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. §1.60 or §1.53(b) or (d).

(Check appropriate Items 6a, 6b and/or 6c)

6a. A Petition to Withdraw from issue under 37 C.F.R. §1.313(b)(5) is concurrently filed herewith.

6b. Copies of publications listed on Form PTO-1449 from prior application Serial No. , filed on , of which this application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120, are not being submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d).

6c. Copies of the publications listed on Form PTO-1449 were not previously cited in prior application Serial No. , filed on , and are provided herewith.

7. This is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. (Check either Item 7a or 7b)

7a. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(f) supplements the Information Disclosure Statement filed on . A bona fide attempt was made to comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.98, but inadvertent omissions were made. These omissions have been corrected herein. Accordingly, additional time is requested so that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement can be considered as if properly filed on .

8. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98, a concise explanation of what is presently understood to be the relevance of each non-English language publication is:
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8a. satisfied because all non-English language publications were cited on the enclosed English language copy of the PCT International Search Report or the search report from a counterpart foreign application indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

8b. set forth in the application.

8c. enclosed as an attachment hereto.

9. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee required or credit any overpayment for this Information Disclosure Statement and/or Petition to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

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LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT (Use several sheets if necessary)	ATTY DOCKET NO.	APPLICATION NO
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	A01	US 2,516,655	7/25/1950	Smith, T.R.			
	A02	US 3,163,404	12/29/1964	Kraft <i>et al.</i>			
	A03	US 3,614,434	10/19/1971	Horwitz			
	A04	US 3,711,379	1/16/1973	Adams			
	A05	US 5,499,872	3/19/1996	Baxter			
	A06	US 5,580,524	12/03/1996	Forrest <i>et al.</i>			

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	A07	EP 0 640 828 A1	8/16/94	EP					
	A08	EP 0 959 140 A2	6/04/99	EP					
	A09	WO 99/54510	10/28/99	PCT					
	A10	EP International Search Report EP 01 10 7737	2/14/03	EP					
	A11	EP International Search Report Corresponding to EP 01 10 7738	3/17/03	EP					

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